



If you feel your child is finding the learning on the placemat challenging, or you would like to extend the learning, please refer to the boxes below. This will help you adjust the learning for your child. Can your child do the activity with your support or can they do it independently? If they can complete the task independently, consider making it more challenging by following the ideas below.

### Literacy

#### Challenging:

Sometimes hearing a new story can be difficult for a child to say if they liked it or not. Repeat the story or read a story which is familiar to your child, and break it down into parts. Ask what parts they like and what parts they don't like and discuss what you liked/disliked also. By having a conversation about the story they are extending their vocabulary. Find out what your child understood about the story? Can they tell you who was in it and what happened? Discuss some key words i.e. 'a moose', 'a donder'.

#### Extend the learning:

Learn a Robert Burns Scottish poem e.g. 'To a moose' or 'Some hae meat'. Learning the Scottish words can be quite tricky. Recite the Poem to a Family audience.

#### Numeracy:

#### Challenging:

Draw a simple chart for your child with a couple of options i.e. maybe with simple yes and no and help them mark in the correct box. Count out how many said yes and no. This activity can be done for other subjects and you can change the information gathered.

#### Extend the learning:

Increase the amount of criteria boxes, or make up other 'questionnaires'. Count out how many liked and disliked? Can they write down the numeral in each box? What was the highest and lowest?

Record data in different ways [www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk) have lots of different chart ideas to copy or print out to complete.

Start at the box in the centre – watch the story of The Gruffalo in Scots or read the story if you have it at home before you have a go at the activities in the boxes. The 'I can' statements are from East Lothian Curriculum Frameworks. We would have been focusing on these statements in Nursery. You can add in your own ideas that match the statements too!